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Dear State Employees:

This week, the 2020 Blue Ribbon Task Force held its initial meetings to examine government in Idaho. It may well be the most comprehensive and diverse group ever formed to undertake such a task.

Among the 47 members are farmers, former legislators, corporate CEO's and leaders in local, state and Tribal government. There is a four-star Admiral, a teacher of the year, a principal of the year, a college student, state employees and an author. The experience and resources these Idahoans bring to this effort are absolutely incredible.

As I laid out the charge to this group, I told them that one of their greatest resources would be our more than 25,000 state employees and college and university faculty and staff. Each of you has great knowledge and expertise – not only in the areas where you work, but throughout state government. You are the dedicated and talented men and women who diligently serve the citizens of Idaho each and every day.

I have encouraged the Blue Ribbon Task Force members to look to you for ideas and suggestions. You are the individuals who have great thoughts and insight on how we might build on our strengths and improve in areas where we have opportunities.

To this end, we have provided a number of avenues by which you may submit your ideas:

You may contact members of the task force directly – the membership is listed on the Task Force Website at: <a href="http://www.idaho2020taskforce.us/members.htm">http://www.idaho2020taskforce.us/members.htm</a>

You may submit e-mail comments and suggestions through the Websites public comment page: http://www.idaho2020taskforce.us/comment.htm

Or, you may write to the Task Force and mail those comments to one of the following addresses:

Governor Dirk Kempthorne State of Idaho Post Office Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0334 Roger Madsen Task Force Support Team Leader c/o Idaho Department of Labor 317 West Main Street Boise, Idaho 83735

As a valued state employee, I hope you will take this opportunity to help shape the future of Idaho and develop the priorities that will guide our state for the next 20 years.

Sincerely,

DIRK KEMPTHORNE

Governor

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